

REMARKS

Claims 1-37 have been examined, with claims 1-9, 15-19, and 21-23 rejected and claims 10-14, 24, 25, and 27-37 allowed.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of claims 10-14, 24, 25, and 27-37. Also, Applicant notes that claim 20 has not been addressed in the Office Action or the Advisory Action. Since in the non-final Office Action claim 20 was indicated as containing allowable subject matter, and in the Response to the non-final Office Action Applicant placed claim 20 in independent form, it is assumed that claim 20 is allowable.

Claims 1-4, 6, 8, and 21-23 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ozcelik et al. (US 2002/0037027; hereinafter "Ozcelik") in view of Brown et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,650,694; hereinafter "Brown") and Zarubinsky et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,903,232; hereinafter "Zarubinsky"). Claims 5 and 7 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ozcelik in view of Brown and Zarubinsky as applied to claim 1, and further in view of Lovinggood et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,697,603; hereinafter "Lovinggood"). Claim 8 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ozcelik in view of Brown and Zarubinsky as applied to claim 1, and further in view of Banerjea (U.S. Patent No. 5,719,944). Claim 9 has been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ozcelik in view of Brown and Zarubinsky as applied to claim 1, and further in view of McDonough (USPN 5,778,024). Claims 15-19 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ozcelik in view of Brown and Zarubinsky as applied to claim 1, and further in view of Levin (USPN 6,639,906).

While not conceding the validity of the rejections, but merely to advance prosecution, Applicant has canceled claims 1-9, 15-19, and 21-23.

With no issues remaining, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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